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mounted; the retaining member being lockable in at least two positions, each of the at least two positions clamping the blade at a predetermined angle relative to the shaft.

REMARKS

Claim 1-19 remain pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended. Basis for the amendment can be found throughout the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 3, 8, 10, 11 and 13-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) alleging them to be anticipated by Vannuvel. Also, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-8, 10, 11 and 13-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) alleging them to be anticipated by Huang.

Claim 1 defines an arrangement for clamping a saw blade to a reciprocating shaft of a power tool. The shaft has two ends. One end is for coupling with a motor. The other end includes a retaining member for clamping a blade. The retaining member is lockable to at least two positions. The at least two positions clamp the blade at a predetermined angle relative to the shaft.

The Vannuvel reference cited by the Examiner fails to disclose or suggest Applicant's invention. Vannuvel illustrates a hand saw. Nowhere does the handsaw handle have a mechanism for coupling with a motor. Likewise, the Huang reference illustrates a hand saw. Huang also fails to disclose or suggest apparatus coupling with a motor. Thus, neither one of the references cited by the Examiner disclose or suggest

Applicant's invention. Accordingly, Applicant believes Claim 1 to be patentably distinguishable over the two references cited by the Examiner. Accordingly, Claims 2-14, which depend from Claim 1, are patentably distinct over the art cited by the Examiner.

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's indication that Claims 15-19 are allowable.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to pass the case to issue at his earliest possible convenience.

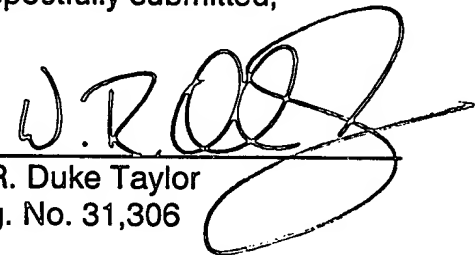
Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present application, he should not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 248-641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT FOR CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The following is a marked up version of each amended claim in which underlines indicates insertions and brackets indicate deletions.

1. (Amended) An arrangement for clamping a saw blade to a reciprocable shaft of a power tool, the shaft having two ends, one end [adapted to couple] for coupling with a motor and the other end including a retaining member on which a blade for clamping may be mounted; the retaining member being lockable in at least two positions, each of the at least two positions clamping the blade at a predetermined angle relative to the shaft.